IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 40 and 46 as follows. In addition, please add new Claim 48 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data among a plurality of ~~connected~~ communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of connected terminals including at least a first terminal which can communicate via voice data ~~dedicated terminals via a first network~~ and a second terminal which can communicate via text data but not voice data ~~general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network~~, comprising:

an image generating device adapted to generate ~~first~~ image data ~~for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for the general-purpose terminals~~;

a voice recognition device adapted to recognize voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal ~~one of the dedicated terminals~~ and to generate text data based upon the recognized voice data;

a control device adapted to control a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

a data distributing device adapted to distribute the generated text data, instead of ~~generated from~~ the recognized voice data, generated by the voice recognition

device, to the second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal with the ~~second~~ image data~~, and to distribute the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data~~.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device distributes the text data in real-time.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data distributing device further distributes text data, which has been entered from the second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal, to the first terminal ~~dedicated terminals~~.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said voice recognition device generates text-chat data.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal has a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the first terminal has ~~dedicated terminals have~~ a data conferencing function based upon text-chat data.

25. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the text-chat data is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendation T.120.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal is connected via the Internet Protocol.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said image generating device generates HTML-format hypertext data for the second terminal ~~general-purpose terminals~~, including the ~~second~~ image data, based upon image data that has entered from the communication terminals.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said image generating device includes an HTTP server.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the first terminal is a ~~dedicated terminals are dedicated~~ videoconferencing terminal ~~terminals~~ in compliance with any of ITU-T Recommendations H.320, H.323 and H.324.

30. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the data communication control apparatus is in compliance with ITU-T Recommendations H.231 and H.243.

31. to 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A control method in a data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data among a plurality of ~~connected~~

communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of terminals including at least a first terminal which can communicate via voice data ~~dedicated terminals via a first network~~ and a second terminal which can communicate via text data but not voice data ~~general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network~~, comprising the steps of:

an image generating step of generating ~~first~~ image data ~~for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for the general-purpose terminals~~;

a voice recognition step of recognizing voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal ~~one of the dedicated terminals~~ and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data;

a control step of controlling a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

a data distributing step of distributing the generated text data, instead of ~~generated from~~ the recognized voice data, generated in the voice recognition step, to the second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal with the ~~second~~ image data~~, and distributing the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data~~.

41. to 45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A recording medium on which has been recorded program code of a control method in a data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data among a plurality of ~~connected~~ communication terminals connected to the control apparatus, the plurality of terminals including at least a first

terminal which can communicate via voice data ~~dedicated terminals via a first network~~ and a second terminal which can communicate via text data but not voice data ~~general-purpose terminals via a second network different from the first network~~, said program code comprising:

code of an image generating step of generating ~~first~~ image data ~~for the dedicated terminals, and second image data for the general-purpose terminals~~;

code of a voice recognition step of recognizing voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first terminal ~~one of the dedicated terminals~~ and generating text data based upon the recognized voice data;

code of a control step of controlling a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of connected communication terminals; and

code of a data distributing step of distributing the generated text data, instead of ~~generated from~~ the recognized voice data, generated in the voice recognition step, to the second ~~general-purpose~~ terminal with the ~~second~~ image data~~, and distributing the voice data to the dedicated terminals with the first image data~~.

47. (Canceled)

48. (New) A data communication control apparatus for controlling distribution of data among a plurality of connected communication terminals, comprising:

a connecting device adapted to connect among the plurality of connected communication terminals, including at least a first type of terminal which can

communicate via voice data and a second type of terminal which can communicate via text data but not voice data;

an image generating device adapted to generate image data; and

a data distributing device adapted to distribute the image data to the first type of terminal or the second type of terminal, wherein said data distributing device further comprises:

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a voice recognition device adapted to recognize voice data that has been entered to the data communication control apparatus from the first type of terminal and to generate text data based upon the recognized voice data;

a control device adapted to control a way of distributing data corresponding to the plurality of terminals connected by said connecting device; and

a second data distributing device adapted to distribute the generated text data, instead of the recognized voice data, generated by the voice recognition device to the second type of terminal with the image data.